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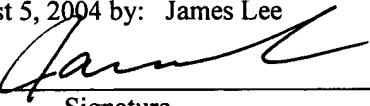
In an attempt to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the U.S. Patent Office the following references:

Japanese Laid-open Patent Application No. 08-180114  
 w/English abstract  
 Japanese Laid-open Patent Application No. 2000-315234  
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Copies of these references and form PTO-A820 are attached.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

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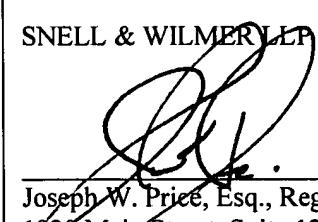

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